

# Laos Reds Release Five Americans Held For Year

VIENTIANE, Laos (P)—Five Americans and a Filipino held captive for more than a year by pro-Communist forces were released today.

The men, who had all grown beards during their captivity, were cheered by a crowd of several hundred as they emerged from the twin-engine Soviet plane that brought them to Vientiane from Pathet Lao headquarters in the Plaine des Jarres.

Those released were Maj. Lawrence Bailey, Laurel, Md., assistant military attache at the U. S. Embassy in Vientiane;

John McMorrow, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edward Shore Jr., Gallop, Tenn.; Sgt. Orville Ballenger, Columbus, Ohio; NBC cameraman Grant Wolfkill of Shelton, Wash., and Lorenzo Frigillana of the Philippines.

All six appeared to have lost considerable weight. Wolfkill left soon after for Bangkok en route to the United States. NBC correspondent Jim Robinson, who accompanied him, said Wolfkill would leave Bangkok for New York as soon as possible.

The other Americans and Frigillana were flown to the U. S. Air Force Clark base north of Manila for a medical check-up and interrogation.

Wolfkill, Shore, McMorrow and Frigillana looked healthy and in good spirits, but Ballenger was haggard and looked tired. Bailey had to be helped from the plane to the airport terminal.

An Army doctor, Maj. Estes Cohen, who made a superficial check of the men aboard the plane, said, "They are all okay except Bailey who is pretty weak."

Shore and McMorrow were civilian employees of the charter firm Air America, which flew for the right-wing Laotian government. Wolfkill was with them when their helicopter crashed behind Red lines May 15, 1961.

Ballenger had been missing See LAOS, page 4

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## Civic Leader W.H. Thomas Dies At 66

William H. Thomas, partner and general manager of the McNear Co., died yesterday in a hospital in Healdsburg, Sonoma County.

He was in the hospital three weeks following a heart attack while he and Mrs. Thomas were week-ending at their country home in nearby Windsor.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Keaton's

## Water Is Key To Security, Kennedy Says

PIERRE, S.D. (UPI)—President John F. Kennedy, California bound, campaigned in the water-conscious west today for greater public awareness that the massive government hydroelectric projects are of national, and not merely regional, importance.

The president this morning stood at the base of the huge Oahe Dam, constructed and operated by the Army Corps of Engineers, and told an open-air audience that continued resource development is as important to national security "as any military arm or missile complex."

It was the first stop on a jet-paced weekend westward swing by the president, a trip described insistently by the White House as "non-political." The president was flanked at his first stop by George McGovern, the Democrat seeking to wrest a U.S. Senate seat from the Republicans in South Dakota.

Kennedy's plane was to arrive at Castle Air Force Base near Merced late this afternoon. He was to spend the night at Yosemite National Park and go to Los Banos at noon tomorrow to set off a dynamite charge that will officially break ground for the 511 million dollar San Luis Reservoir and canal system.

Mortuary in San Rafael, and probably will be held Monday or Tuesday. Monday would have been Thomas's 67th birthday.

A resident of Marin County since 1931, Thomas was widely known as a capable business administrator and a man of great personal popularity. His interests spanned many fields including golf and horseback riding.

From 1955 into 1960 he was a director of the Marin Hospital District. He was a director and past first vice president of the Expanded Shale Institute, and a past president of both the Petaluma and the San Francisco Rotary Clubs.

His distinctions included appointment to a Marin County supervisorship in which he never served because possible conflicts of interests involving the complex McNear interests. Born in Berkeley Aug. 20, 1895, Thomas attended Berkeley schools and the University of California where his father was a professor. There he was one of the first quarterbacks playing American football, and he also played rugby. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

He served with the infantry during World War I and was a first lieutenant when separated in 1919.

Joining the Standard Oil Co. he worked in Bakersfield and other valley points.

But his business and personal future was affected by his marriage in the San Rafael Presbyterian Church on Feb. 22, 1921, to Lucretia McNear of the well known Marin family whose business interests spread over a wide area, including a brickyard and the manufacture of expanded shale aggregates.



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In 1923 Thomas was persuaded by his wife and her family to settle in Petaluma to handle the McNear enterprises there. During his seven years in Petaluma he joined numerous civic and fraternal groups, ranging from the Masonic Lodge to the Sonoma County Trail Blazers, of which he served as president.

The family came to San Rafael in 1930 and Thomas became secretary-manager of the McNear Co. They lived at one time at McNear's Point but the present home is at 48 Fernwood Way, San Rafael.

The family includes three children — two sons and a daughter — and nine grandchildren. William McNear Thomas lives in Novato, Robert Scott Thomas in San Rafael and Mrs. Lucretia Ann Sias, New York.

More than anyone else, business associates say, Thomas was responsible for introduction of the Haydite process to the West Coast where there are now several users additional to the McNears. This is a process for treatment of shale under high temperatures for use in concrete.

Thomas's technical and business acumen brought him membership in such organizations as the Structural Engineers Assn. of Northern California, the Engineers Club of San Francisco, the California Manufacturing Assn., the San Rafael and San Francisco Chambers of Commerce and the State Chamber of Commerce of which he was at one time a director.

He had been a member of the school board of trustees in See THOMAS, page 4

## Wild Summer Rainbow Over South Marin

A great and gaudy rainbow showed itself over Marin late yesterday while storm clouds drifted along the coast.

The rainbow was seen shortly before 8 p.m. from several parts of the county. Residents on the Tiburon Peninsula reported a double rainbow arching from northeast to southwest.

Traces of rain brushed the coast near Point Reyes Station and Inverness, and warm winds blew during the afternoon through the San Geronimo and Ross valleys while clouds loomed in the western sky.

The weatherman predicted fair weather and normal temperatures during the weekend for the Bay Area. Some thunder showers are expected in the Sierra Nevada.

## Shouting, Banging Of Gavel Break Up Stockpile Probe

### Humphrey Livid Over Symington Statement

WASHINGTON (P)—Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), angrily accused former Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey of insulting the Senate today and refused to hear further testimony on nickel deals involving Humphrey's mining interests.

Symington opened the second day of Humphrey's testimony by objecting to comments the former top Eisenhower administration official had made to the press.

He said the Humphrey statement Thursday was an insult to the Senate in that it charged the stockpile investigation was politically motivated.

Brushing aside demands by Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.), for a vote, Symington said he planned to adjourn the hearings for further investigation.

"You wouldn't dare," Humphrey said, and Symington's gavel banged down.

"This hearing is adjourned," snapped Symington. "Don't ever try to tell a United States senator what he would dare or wouldn't dare."

Symington took one mighty adjournment swing with his gavel before Humphrey got in any reply, but other members blocked the abrupt ending of the proceedings and the chairman finally ironically resigned "Senator Humphrey."

The witness said he had made the statements attributed to him and told Symington: "That statement you just made is ample proof of the intentions of this committee."

Then after a shouting exchange in which the two men's voices became indistinguishable, Symington finally made adjournment stick.

After that Humphrey renewed and added to his comments in an exchange with newsmen. Flushed with anger, Humphrey said he does not regret anything he has said.

"This statement today has provided ample proof of the motivation of this committee," he said. "This is self evidence of the prejudice with which the hold hearings have been held."

"I did not attack the U. S. Senate. I attacked the bitterness and prejudice in which these hearings have been held."

Humphrey, honorary chairman and former head of the M. A. Hanna Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, had expected to resume the witness chair at 8 a.m.

He was scheduled for further questioning by the special Senate stockpiling committee about "destruction of records" relating to the multimillion-dollar nickel deal.

But Symington delayed the session an hour and then began reading a 10-page statement which bitterly assailed Humphrey.

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ANGRY ANTAGONISTS — Senator Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), left, and former Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey were shouting angry exchanges before Symington

adjourned the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on stockpiling today. Senator Strom Thurmond (D-S.C.), is shown in the center. (AP Wire-photo)

## Sausalito Arks Being Torn To Pieces

The rambling red ark of Philip S. Savage toppled into the mud this morning on Sausalito's Mono Street under the hammers of a crew of city workmen.

This makes the score two arks down and three to go, according to City Manager Charles A. Brown, in the city's drive to rid the street of structures considered to be fire, health and sanitary hazards.

Remains of the arks are being hauled onto property of A. G. Schoonmaker Co. Inc. north of Mono Street and are expected to be set afire Tuesday.

The Schoonmaker firm has been assisting in operations with use of a bulldozer under an agreement with the city to help out in return for keeping Mono Street clear as a storm drain.

The Savage ark fell into the mud at low tide today. Yesterday the crew demolished the already fallen ark of Alex Georgeatis of Oakland.

"We plan to demolish the

Phoenix on Tuesday or Wednesday," Brown said. Sculptor Barney West, his wife, Shirley, and son, live aboard the Phoenix.

No date has been set to destroy the shed, owned by Gene De Prado of Sausalito, at the

foot of the street nearest the railroad tracks.

The old schooner Galilee, occupied by Walter Leaskin and family, was given 90 days' stay Tuesday by the city council so that the Leaskins may bring in a plan for preserving their ship.

West has led the opposition to tearing down both the Galilee and Phoenix, claiming they should be saved for historical purposes. His wife, who is expecting a baby in three weeks, said yesterday "I am in no condition to move."

## GOVERNMENT OF PERU IS RECOGNIZED BY U.S.

LIMA, Peru (P)—The United States recognized Peru's military government today.

The United States suspended relations July 18 after a military junta took over and U. S. Ambassador James Loeb was called home.

Diplomatic relations, along with 81-million-dollar in U.S. aid, were suspended to underscore Washington's disapproval of the ouster of a civilian government by the military.

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